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## Steamtown National Historic Site News Release

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### Steamtown September Calendar of Events

#### Labor Day Weekend – “A Season in Review”

**Scranton, PA** – Discover America’s industrial heritage at Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Explore an exciting variety of *Interpretive Programs*, skillful *Demonstrations*, behind-the-scenes *Tours* and thought provoking *Exhibits*. Witness the *Living History* of American railroading.

Throughout the Labor Day Weekend – Friday, September 3, through Monday, September 6 – Steamtown National Historic Site will present *A Season in Review*, a consolidated selection of the year’s newest and most popular programs. Revisiting the entire season in a single weekend, activities will include:

- ***The History of Steamtown, from the Beginning to the Present.*** Relax in Steamtown’s 250-seat theater and enjoy an informative and entertaining journey through time.
- ***America’s Legacy, the National Parks.*** Discover how and why the National Park Service preserves and protects our nation’s natural, cultural and historic treasures.
- ***Railroad Yard Programs.*** Observe the real world of steam railroading through interpretive programs and discussions, hands on activities and informational presentations and demonstrations.
- ***Junior Ranger Program.*** Children, ages 6 – 12, are invited to discover the history of American steam railroading and earn a Junior Ranger Certificate.
- ***Museum Discovery.*** Get the whole family involved. Become a railroad history sleuth. Locate the exhibits identified on your Discovery Guide and receive a special reward.

- ***Children's Programs.*** Special activities for children of all ages – arts, crafts, stories, videos, music, *Operation Lifesaver* and more.
- ***Living History.*** Travel in time. Meet Steamtown's own hobo, a World War II Army Officer, a railway postal clerk or a track laborer. Journey into the past to hear their stories of life on the rails.
- ***Turntable Demonstrations.*** Get an up close and personal look at the movement of locomotives as they travel from the Roundhouse to the Railroad Yard and back.
- ***Yard Shuttles.*** Board a restored steam-era passenger coach for a tour of the former Delaware, Lackawanna and Western (DL&W) Railroad Yards.
- ***Caboose Experience.*** Hop on board a vintage caboose at the Steamtown Visitor Center. Explore the DL&W Yards by rail.
- ***Locomotive Shop Tours.*** Join a walking tour for a rare behind-the-scenes look at restoration projects and locomotive maintenance activities.
- ***Meet the Train Crew.*** Meet and talk with locomotive train crews. Discover the world of steam railroading.
- ***The Pullman Experience.*** Tour the railroad yard in style. Board a vintage lounge car to experience "First Class" rail travel in 19<sup>th</sup> Century America.
- ***Roundhouse Program.*** Travel from 1865 to 1937 to discover the arduous working conditions that railroaders endured.

Steamtown National Historic Site showcases live, coal-fired steam locomotives, restored cabooses, freight cars and railroad coaches dating from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The 52-acre site boasts active Locomotive and Restoration Shops and a Museum Complex that houses a Visitor Center, History and Technology Museums, a 250-seat Theater, an operating Turntable and a working Roundhouse. Throughout the month of September, enjoy the film, *Steel and Steam*, take in the sites and observe, first hand, the masterful restoration of classic rolling stock.

Steamtown is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. From I-81, follow exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway); then, follow the signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff Avenues. Additional details may be obtained by calling (570) 340-5200 or toll free (888) 693-9391, or by visiting the Steamtown web site at [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea).